



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Who's Tying The Hands of God?

BY J. S. BARNARD

"Behold, the Lord's band is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear," Isa. 59:1, 2.

We notice in the text that the hand of the Lord is not shortened that He cannot save, neither is His ear heavy that He cannot hear, but sin has hid His face from us. Now sin means falling away or missing the path. God has said that holiness has become His house forever, and when we fail to live a holy life we are missing the path or falling away.

We are going to deal with the subject under three headings, and see if we can't discover where some are missing the path.

First, let us deal with the sin of *omission*. Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." This scripture will apply to many of our people today. They are very strict about paying tithes, going to church, having their outward appearance of godly attire, yet they fail to judge righteously, show forth mercy, and have faith. Jesus declared in His sermon on the mount, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." When we fail to be merciful to an erring brother or sister who has missed the path, we are guilty of the sin of omis-

sion. Too often we are too eager to exclude one from the Church to keep down reproach, while if we would manifest the true Spirit of Christ we would be more lenient and merciful and put forth a

without faith we cannot please God. Heb. 11:6.

In Mark 16:15 we notice that Jesus has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Verse 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . ." Now I want to dwell on the words "go ye." We are living in a day of running to and fro. The "spirit of go" has gripped the world as never before. It is true that Jesus wants us to go, but He wants us to go with the message of salvation to the sinner. Brother, you cannot go with a message of salvation if you do not adjust yourself to study. In Luke 12:47 we have these words, "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." Brother, if God has called you to preach the gospel, He has also called you to study the Word and thoroughly acquaint yourself with the plan of salvation.

Paul says in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I have been shocked beyond measure many times as I conversed with my brother minister, who was older in the Lord than I, when I discovered how little he really knew about Bible doctrine. If there ever was a day when we needed to prepare ourselves through the study of God's Word, it is now. There is every doctrine imagi-



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greater effort to win him back to Christ. This would require faith on our part, for we would have to have faith in the one that had erred and faith in God, for

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NOTICES

From the Field

This is to notify the pastors of the Church of God in Delaware, E. Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D. C. that Rev. Russell Bonneville, 8th and 6th Sts., Crisfield, Md., has been appointed state superintendent of Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s. Please have your secretaries of Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s tithe their offerings and send to the state superintendent not later than the fifth of each month. Thanks to the pastors and secretaries for their cooperation.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer, Box 297, Cambridge, Md.

The Ft. Myers, Fla. district convention will convene at Ft. Myers, Fla., Feb. 24, 25. Services will begin at 7:30 Saturday evening. Neighboring districts are invited to come. E. M. Ellis will be in charge.—W. H. Maxwell, district pastor, Ft. Myers, Fla.

This is to notify the Y.P.E.'s and Sunday Schools of Georgia that the state Sunday School banner went to Riverside; the Y.P.E. banner went to Bethel for the month of December.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 782, Macon, Ga.

CORRECTION: In the Jan. 13th issue of the Evangel under Obituaries (Guthrie obituary) we stated "The infant son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Guthrie," when it should have read "The infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Guthrie."

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God, Byrds Chapel, Miss., the fourth Sunday in February, the 25th. We invite one and all to come and be with us that day. May I insist that all members of the above mentioned church be there, but if for some reason you cannot come, please write us a card or letter and let us hear from you. Our esteemed overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman, is expected to be with us. Come and bring your music and singers with you.—D. L. Barrett, pastor, Meadville, Miss.

To whom it may concern: R. E. Lowry is no longer clerk of the Church of God at Coconut Grove, Fla., as he has been excluded from the church. W. W. Forehand, 3519 Oak Ave., Coconut Grove, Fla., supplies this office of clerk.—L. R. Alderman, pastor, Coconut Grove, Fla.

Anyone desiring to get in touch with us, our address is 1002 S. Rosina Ave., Somerset, Pa. — Russell and Dorothea Ford, evangelists.

To the Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s of Arkansas: We have been appointed your state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent for this assembly year. Now come on, Arkansas, let's get something done for our soon-coming King. Please send in your reports promptly by the 5th of each month. If you haven't been reporting, begin today by dropping me a card, giving your name and address, also the name of your Sunday School or Y.P.E.

If you do not have a Sunday School or Y.P.E. in your community, please let me know and I will be very glad to help you get one organized. If there are Church of God folk anywhere in the state and you don't have a Sunday School near you, whether there is a church or not, please write to me and we will do our best, by the help of the Lord, to organize one.

Arkansas, we are getting a late start, but let's "work 'till Jesus comes." We are expecting Arkansas to rise in the work

NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS

In compliance with the rulings of the General Assembly, the General Secretary has furnished the State Overseers a list of the names of those ministers who are not reporting. If for any reason your report has not been mailed to the General Secretary and to your State Overseer, your name will appear on this list.

Please cooperate with us in this matter, by reporting regularly.—Yours very sincerely, J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

of the Church of God this year so let us put our shoulders to the wheel and do our part. I have plenty report blanks for both Sunday School and Y.P.E. that are yours for the asking. We cover your prayers.—Ruff Gentry, state superintendent, Higden, Ark.



PRAY FOR:

My father to be completely healed; my husband's health to be restored.—Mrs. Bessie Lee Goodman, Thomasville, Ala.

The healing of my sister who is in a dying condition from a burn; me to get back to the Lord.—Ethel Rowell, Dillon, S. C.

The healing of my back and hips which are almost paralyzed; Sister Brown; Sister Kate Lue Motes to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. B. A. Meeks, 4 First St., Carrollton, Ga.

The healing of my mother of pneumonia.—Nela Greg Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

The healing of my broken arm, torn ligaments and my badly sprained hand; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Ethel Karnes, 1613 5th Ave. S., Decatur, Ala.

The healing of Brother Smith's little girl; my husband and loved ones who need God to be saved; our church at Pell City and that we will get a new building.—Sister Carreker, Holt, Ala.

Two friends in whom I am interested; me and my unsaved loved ones.—Bessie M. Austin, Rt. 3, Box 97, Albany, Ga.

The revival at Chokoloskee Island.—C. W. Cole, pastor, Chokoloskee, Fla.

The healing of my body of kidney and heart trouble, ulcerated stomach and high blood pressure; me to get back to the Lord; my friends and loved ones to be saved.—Ruby Barnette, 308 Osborne Ave., Anderson, S. C.

God to give me complete victory; me to stay in the center of His will; God to have His way with me. If God gets glory out of my being like I am, I am willing for His will to be done. Pray for Mrs. Rose Demarcus and Lois Henell to be healed of T.B.; God to save and sanctify my husband three children; me to be a light to some soul.—Mrs. Linda Brown, 238 Hoitt, Knoxville, Tenn.

The salvation of my unsaved father, brothers and other loved ones; me to stand true.—Inez Johnson, Rockmart, Ga.

Me to have joy, victory and peace that the devil can't disturb, he makes me doubt my experience; me to do the Lord's will always. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Doris Wood, Jasper, Fla.

A special prayer for the healing of my baby who is very sick; special unspoken request.—Mrs. Finnabea Hughes, 1131 E. St., Sacramento, Calif.

My children to be saved.—Mrs. Sarah E. Cheek, Cookeville, Tenn.

Sister Stoler and family; Brother Milton to be healed; the Lord to have His way with them; our Y.P.E. and Sunday School; God to send an old-fashioned revival here; my loved ones to be saved; my son's weak eyes to be healed; my body to be completely healed; unspoken request.—Mrs. C. B. Huff, 1030 Myers Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

The healing of Sister Agnes Tidwell's body; the healing of my brother who was run over by a car and is still in the hospital with one leg amputated; his soul to be saved; my husband to be saved; me to stand true.—Othle Cadle, Double Springs, Ala.

The healing of me and my family of a breaking out. Fast, if led. Anointed cloths appreciated from Brother Rouse or anyone; we will send them an offering. Encouraging letters appreciated.—

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Faith

By W. R. DALTON

Text: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.

We see that you need to be faithful to receive the crown of life. Col. 1:23, "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved from the hope of the gospel, which we have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister."

Now we might wonder what faith is. Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

When we go to pray we need faith in order to get an answer. James 1:6; 2:5. We see that God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." You have to have works to prove your faith. James 2:18.

James 2:22, "By works was faith made perfect?" James 2:26, "Faith without works is dead also."

Now it means something to be faithful in all things. If somebody tells you that you are of the devil, just be faithful still and don't turn white around the nose. If you preach a sermon and the power falls, it is easy to have faith then, but if you are sick and call for the saints to come and pray for you and you don't get healed, then is the testing time, but just be faithful unto death to get the crown of life.

Heb. 11:4, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Read Luke 17:6. The Lord said if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed we could say to a sycamore tree, Be plucked up by the roots, and it would obey us. In order to get healed we must have faith in prayer. James 5:15. And in order to be justified you need faith. Rom. 5:1. We find Jesus saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

When the four men brought the sick of the palsy to Jesus and had to let him down through the roof in order to get him before Jesus, because of the crowd of people, He seeing their faith, said to the sick of the palsy, "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." Many wondered at it, but Jesus seeing their faith made the man whole.

There is no title that carries with it such high honor as that of servant, or means so much, if the one who bears it is really and truly what the name signifies in the New Testament.

Reports From the Field

Watch Night Service

LACOCHEE, Fla.—I praise God for His goodness and love to me and my loved ones. I am glad I still have salvation and am pressing on. Tonight my mind goes back over the past seventeen years of my life, how God wonderfully saved me and divinely healed and sanctified me. Two years later I received the Holy Ghost. Sweet is the memory of my experience in the Lord and the many times God has come to my rescue, given such glorious victory, strengthened me and helped me to stand and fight the fight of faith and follow Jesus toward heaven and home.

Sweet is the memory of all the dear pastors, state overseers and General Overseers whom we have been permitted to hear preach since we were divinely healed nearly seventeen years ago. May God bless every one of them and make them a blessing wherever they go. All are living but Brother F. J. Lee who is asleep in Jesus, and some day we will all meet him in glory.

I feel good in my soul tonight as I think of our watch night service at our church at Lacoochee, Fla. Truly we had a wonderful service. Our new pastor, Brother Alderman, brought a wonderful message and our former leader, Sister Lula L. Jones, surely delivered a wonderful sermonette. Brother Lewis Brannan also delivered a wonderful sermon. It was good to be there if the weather was cold; God was with us.

The Lord is good to us at Lacoochee, for from time to time He pours out His blessings and we greatly rejoice in Him. We were greatly blessed with Sister L. Jones as our dear beloved leader for five years and on the night of Oct. 22, 1939, just before she preached her farewell sermon to the church, she was presented a beautiful bedspread by the Dorcas Circle and a lovely offering by the congregation to show her our love and esteem for her faithful service. Our eyes were filled with tears and our hearts sad to see her go. It was good to be there at that sad, sweet service. I pray God's blessings upon Sister Jones and her loved ones and that she will be the blessing everywhere she goes that she was to me and my home and may God bless our present pastor and family. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless our church and that we will all do our best for Him and His Church.

I can't stop without telling you how we enjoy the radio program of the B. T. S. How I praise God for this school and its leaders. I would be so happy if our son was in that good, heavenly place to be

trained for God's service. Pray that I will be a true overcomer and be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 74.

Prodigal Returns

ARCADIA, Fla.—I praise God for sending Brother and Sister Chessier to Arcadia. I have found Jesus sweet to my soul. When Brother P. W. Chessier began services here I found a place on the back seat in the Church of God where I could listen. He said something that started tears pouring from my eyes; he said something about lost sheep; and going and seeking the lost sheep and bringing it back to the fold and how the angels of heaven rejoiced over one lost sheep being found and brought back to the fold.

I was glad no one else was sitting by me. Oh, how I did try to keep anyone from seeing me. I thought my heart would burst. I could feel something all over me. Oh thank God! Then he said, "If you want God to save your soul, get up and come to the altar." I tried to get up but something just held me to my seat. I bowed my head, weeping and shaking. I felt a hand on my head and heard someone saying, "Get up and go to the altar." I looked up and saw Brother Chessier running up and down the pulpit saying, "Come on." I tried to get up again and could not. I dropped my head again and when I looked up Brother Chessier got me by the hand and helped me to make my way to the altar, and there I found sweet peace and the joybells began to ring in my soul.

I praise and thank God for what He did for me there. I thank Him for Brother and Sister Chessier. The Church of God has built up so much in Arcadia. The Holy Ghost is working in the church. The Sunday School has doubled and the Y. P. E. has built up, also the church. One Sunday the power fell for one hour and twenty minutes and everybody got a little taste of heaven. Oh, how I praise God for His manifestation in the Church of God in Arcadia. Please pray for us that we may be found in the center of His will at all times. Sister Chessier has been elected Sunday School superintendent.—Lee Adkison.

New Church

We are glad to report a new Church of God at Pumpkin Bend, Ark., which was set in order in November with twenty-three members. We had a good, old time, Holy Ghost revival there. I just

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The Christian Front IT is a common thing for unchristian acts to be committed in the name of Christianity but not so frequently are said acts committed in the twentieth century considered as criminal. In the United States of America which has been considered a Christian nation, the principal sin of so-called Christianity has been worldliness, but of recent date the nation has been brought face to face with the acts committed by the so-called *Christian Front* who are followers of Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit, which compare only with acts perpetrated by the so-called Christians in the dark ages when the Church had become Romanized and so thoroughly intolerant that all of those who dared to differ in matters of religious belief, suffered the consequences of the Spanish inquisition, the stake, or the grates. As a result of six months of investigation by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the G-men seized eighteen *Christian Front* leaders who are charged with conspiring to overthrow the United States government. In the homes and headquarters of these were found a dozen 30-caliber Springfield rifles with 1,500 rounds of ammunition, several other rifles, shotguns with ammunition, a sword, eighteen cans of cordite powder (a high explosive), and fifteen partially completed bombs. All this is the fruit of service in the so-called *Christian Front*.

Can one, who is acquainted with the Word of God and the teachings in general of the Master, imagine a *conspiracy* being perpetrated in the name of the meek and lowly Nazarene?

The *Christian Front* is anti-semitic. That which led to their arrest was fist fights with Jewish bystanders over the distribution of pro-Jewish literature. Can the *Christian Front* forget that Jesus Christ was a Jew, and that He came as a Jewish Messiah and that as He stood on the Mount of Olives and looked over Jerusalem He wept for them? Can the *Christian Front* overlook that He said that He came to His own and His own received Him not? Can they overlook the fact that He referred to the Jews and said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"? And even

when many of the Jews clamored for His life and the Roman soldiers were sent out to arrest Him in the Garden of Gethsemane and Peter would have taken His part, He submitted Himself to the governing authorities and told Peter to put up his sword "for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword," and in this showed Himself as He had on other occasions not to be an intolerant zealot but an example of meekness and humility.

The *Christian Front* has no part or place with Christianity, and the organization in itself is a reproach to the worthy name of "Christian."



A Guide Needed

THE Holy Spirit is that agent of God the Father and God the Son. Jesus told His apostles in John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter." And in the 26th verse of the same chapter He says, "But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." It might be well to notice that the apostles were to be taught by the Spirit of God which in turn would bring to their remembrance the things that Jesus said. But to show that Jesus intended to use the apostles as human instruments to carry out His work and that the work to be done in evangelism would not be done by the Spirit of God directly, He tells these same apostles, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matt. 28:19.

The Acts of the Apostles is just what its title implies,—the way the apostles acted after they had received the commission from our Lord, and it shows that they became guides to those who would seek the kingdom and would know the way of the

Church, instructions concerning which Jesus had given to the apostles while He was with them. The beautiful story of the conversion of the prime minister of Ethiopia is told in the 8th chapter of the Acts from the 26th to the 38th verse. In the 31st verse, after having listened to the question asked by Philip, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" he said, "How can I except some man should guide me?" and he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him, so Philip became a guide to the Ethiopian eunuch in finding the way of Christianity. Though the eunuch was perhaps learned in all of the wisdom of his day, Philip knew how to guide him

into the ways of right. Philip was an efficient Church of God preacher. He knew not only how to stir the sentiment of his hearers but to teach and to guide them in the way of truth.

There is a demand in the Church of God for spiritual guides who are able, from a scriptural standpoint, to guide all classes of mankind into the ways of truth and right.



The Gospel On The Air

THERE appears elsewhere in this issue of the Evangel, a report from the Church of God at Lacoochee, Florida, in which the writer tells of enjoying the radio program of the B. T. S. at Sevierville, Tennessee. One would hardly think of this program reaching with perfect clearness, way down into the southern end of Florida, but it does, and with great results. Perhaps the same is true with the many other Church of God programs that

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Bible School Echoes

(NOTE: Edith Brous, student of Houston, Texas, B. T. S. Lighted Pathway reporter, is guest writer for the "Echoes" this week.—Charles Conn, reporter.)

A Revival in B. T. S.

In the school calendar of the '39-'40 term the fourth week of January will be days regarded as memorably prominent by us students. Why? These days have been blessed because of the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A revival! during which our spiritual life has been reanimated and our souls vitalized with power. We have feasted on the "new wine" and "manna" from heaven which are indispensable to our spiritual appetites. Grateful are we unto the Lord for the manifestations of His glory and our beings have rejoiced because of His sacred nearness. Oh! the joy of contacting His benevolent personality and knowing that we are His children! Praise the Lord!

The Lord has graciously imparted His gifts of divine favor to us. Each service has witnessed a mighty visitation of "power" and several students have been endued with that "power" from on high. It seems to us that we have experienced another revelation of the Spirit of the latter rain! Many who have sought so diligently for the Baptism have been abundantly rewarded. One student tarried all night and as the dawn came hope and courage came also and with renewed earnestness the seeker continued. Several mornings, in the early hours, students have "prayed through" and into their temple came the Holy Ghost who will direct them into the paths of truth. God always recompenses us for our faithfulness and surely He has smiled upon the student revival and the students for their constancy in seeking.

We are assured that this student revival has already accomplished much good, and to the Lord we render praise because of His divine leadership in the services. The messages of the evangelist, Brother Slay, deserve honorable mention, for they have contributed greatly to the success of the revival. Each discourse

has been actuated with power and characterized by fervor and intensity. His forceful manner of presentation of the gospel has appealed to the local people and students.

Sevierville has been visited with extremely cold weather. Tuesday the snow clouds emptied their contents—blanketing us with a coverlet of snow. Though "snow-bound" we have by no means been "Spirit-bound." We students have felt the warm glow of the love of Christ in our hearts as we have seen others made partakers of His divine nature. A week before the revival began, a prayer chain was conducted and thanksgiving and supplications were constantly ascending to the Father. Feeling a heavy burden for the students who do not have the Holy Ghost, students have uttered prayers incessantly. The faculty and Spirit-filled students are desirous that every student receive the Holy Ghost before school closes.

On Thursday morning we experienced a great blessing during the consecration service. It was indeed touching to hear the students confess their faults and acknowledge their mistakes. Their many expressions that they desired a closer walk with the Lord and their requests that they might ascertain His will concerning their lives resulted in a season of prayer. This service lasted for four hours and, as it closed, we felt that we had more firmly grasped the "unchanging hand." It is conducive to our spiritual welfare that we often take an inventory of our lives. The Lord is touched with the acknowledgments of our weaknesses as He was tempted in all points, yet without sin.

By 1:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon the students were assembled in the auditorium for the service which is always an important feature of the week's activities. With congregational singing and concert prayer, the service of January 26 began. Soon our souls were wafted heavenward as we lifted our voices in praise. The speakers' subjects were timely and their exhortations uplifting. Brother Charles Conn spoke on the "Beauty of God" and defined the quality of attractiveness as spiritual loveliness given us by the Lord.

"Wait on the Lord" was the admonition given by Sister Geneva Dodson, as she pointed out the benefits obtained through our patience. Brother Alvord Pitts discussed one of the essential characteristics of a Christian as that of "Determination" and we were made to more fully realize that it is a necessary property of our experience. The foundation of all Christian graces was explained by Sister Margaret Winegar as being "Faith," and she enumerated the derivative gifts that come to those who have implicit confidence in God. At different intervals in the service we were favored with spiritualized singing (which only Spirit-filled singers can render) by the Carolina Girls, Harmony Boys, and the Rhythm Makers. It is inspiring to hear the quartets sing with the Spirit and such singing always brings the quickening power. Following Brother Herman Clark's description of the "Armor of God" as our equipment to combat the enemy, an altar call was given. Such a blessed sight!—the altar filled with students who are so earnestly seeking the fullness of God's blessings.

The week-end services have been glorious! Conviction has seized hearts as the Word has gone forth with the unction of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost has worked mightily and the prospects are for a still greater outpouring of power. Our sincere prayer is that the Spirit of God will be more prevalent as the revival continues this following week. Join us in prayer that the vicinity of Sevierville may experience a great spiritual awakening.

The following have contributed to the Bible Training School building fund since the first of November: C. C. Rains, \$2.00; Vep Ellis, \$2.00; Morris Wiggins, \$10.00.

Good Results

We praise the Lord for the way He blessed us in the meetings at Gaffney. The people surely stood by us. Although the weather was bad while at Gaffney, about fourteen were saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and some people added to the church. God is blessing Brother Muller, their faithful pastor.—M. N. McPherson, Bennettsville, S. C.



Daily Bread

— By —
E. L. SIMMONS
"Give us this day our daily bread."
—Matt. 6:11.

Sunday, February 11

"My own peace I give to you."

Read John 14:27.

Nothing greater could be given to man than the peace of Jesus Christ. But what was that peace? The story is told of two painters who painted a picture each to represent his conception of rest. The first chose for his scene a still, lone lake among the far-off mountains. The second threw on his canvas a thundering waterfall with a fragile birch tree bending over the fall. At the forks of the branch, almost wet with the cataract's spray, sat a robin on its nest. Christ's outward life was one of the most troubled lives ever lived but the inner life was as a sea of glass with a great calm. We may possess that same peace from Him.

Monday, February 12

"My expectation."

Read Psa. 62:5-8.

Expectation is faith. Though the Psalmist David could see the valley of the shadow of death through which he must pass, he could also see a table spread on the other side of the valley and a special anointing that would be his as he sat at the table. The description of his expectation was that God would be his rock, his salvation, his defence, his stability, and his refuge.

Tuesday, February 13

"There be proved them."

Read Exod. 15:25, 26.

All manufactured articles of worth are proven before they are put on the market. Automobiles have a proving ground where drivers put them through the most rigid test for strength, speed, and durability. If a new feature will not stand up under the most rigid test it is discarded. The Lord is no less anxious that His Church shall be a tried Church, and that it shall stand up under every test, thus we have the words, "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which are to try you as though some strange thing had happened unto you."

Wednesday, February 14

"Fear not."

Read Psa. 37:1-3.

The greatest blessings in the Christian life are received by those who learn the lesson of simple trust in God. Such a lesson is taught by our feathered friends, the birds, as is so beautifully pictured in the Word of God. "Your heavenly Father feedeth them." It is also depicted in the following poem, title, "Overheard in an Orchard."

*Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so?"*

*Said the sparrow to the robin,
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."*

—Elizabeth Cheney.

Thursday, February 15

"The power of God."

Read Rom. 1:16.

A lady was once being shown through a corn mill which derived its power from a river which ran close by the wall, but all the wheels were in silent inaction. "Where is the power?" she asked. She was shown a handle and told to press upon it. She did and the mighty force was instantly turned on, the wheels moved and the place was alive with activity. The power of God so moves upon man at the touch of faith in the gospel of the Son of God.

Friday, February 16

"Be thou an example."

Read 1 Tim. 4:12.

A preacher was once preaching on the street of a large city. He was declaring the merit of Jesus Christ and the benefits of His salvation. A man in the crowd suddenly interrupted him, "We haven't anything against Jesus of Nazareth," said the interrupter, "but we have something agin you Christians because you ain't up to the sample." And so it is with those to whom we preach salvation, they expect to see a sample of that which is advertized.

Saturday, February 17

"Workers together."

Read 2 Cor. 6:1.

The story is told of an American negro who was so lazy as to be quite a nuisance in the community. A revival campaign was being conducted in the city where he lived and he became converted. His associates in the church were extremely anxious to know whether he would now

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Question Box

Question: What will become of the small children after the rapture, during the tribulation? Will they be left here during the great tribulation?—Mrs. D. W. H.

Answer: Matt. 19:14, "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Since children are emblematic of the citizenship of heaven, it is to be believed that they will go in the rapture. If so, they will not be here to go through the great tribulation period.

Question: If some will go in the rapture who have not received the Holy Ghost, why is it necessary that we should have the Holy Ghost? Why were the five foolish virgins left? Oil is surely the meaning of the Holy Ghost. Read Matthew, 25th chapter.—Mrs. L. B.

Answer: Receiving the baptism with the Holy Ghost does not make one any purer. Sanctification is the purifying process. The baptism with the Holy Ghost is the Comforter which Jesus promised to those who did believe. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins, as given in Matt. 25, is given to represent the Jewish kingdom and the Gentile Church. In many instances in the Old Testament, Israel is referred to as a virgin and as His virgin. In 2 Kings 19:21 and Isa. 37:22 the virgin daughter of Zion is mentioned. In Jer. 13:18 the virgin of Israel; in Jer. 31:4, virgin of Israel. In Jer. 46:11 Israel is referred to as the virgin daughter, and in many other places as virgin daughter of Zion and virgin of Israel the kingdom order is mentioned. Then in the New Testament, Paul in 2 Cor. 11:2 says, "That I may present you as a chaste virgin," in speaking of the Church. So since both the Jewish order and the Gentile order, or the kingdom and the Church are referred to as virgins, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins merely shows that the Jews will go to sleep and not accept the Christ and the Gentile bride will accept Him and will have their lights burning so will go in the rapture and the Jews will be left to go through the tribulation. The text around which the whole narrative revolves is found in verse 44, "Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Oil in the vessel is merely typical of being ready and having the light shining.

Question: Psa. 87:4-6. I would like to get the understanding fully of the births, and who this man is.—L. D. M. B. (Note: This question comes from Jamaica.)

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Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board



4,816 United With The Church of God In Old Mexico

Church of God Mission Board Returns

In the January 20 issue of the Evangel we ran, on the Foreign Mission Page, a picture of the headquarters building of the Christian National Church of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Mexico City, and also a picture of their overseer, Rev. David G. Ruesga. The congress or national assembly of this organization convened January 22 and the General Overseer, Rev. J. H. Walker, and the Mission Board, with the exception of Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, were all present at the congress. They have recently returned with glowing reports of a very successful trip. According to information given by the General Overseer, there were approximately fifteen hundred in attendance, the majority of which seemed to be greatly devoted to their cause.

On January 25 a union was effected in which the Christian National Church of the Assemblies of God united with the Church of God. It was, according to those present, a wonderful occasion and will long be remembered by the Board. Approximately eighty-three churches and missions, a membership of about five thousand, and approximately sixty-eight ministers are affected by this union. The convention used the ballot system to find out whether or not it was the desire of the National Church to become united with the Church of God and after all ballots were counted it was found that there was not a negative one cast, that the entire assembly voted unanimously to come into the Church of God. Rev. David G. Ruesga, General Superintendent of the organization, is a very fine man, well cultured, and a forceful leader, according to information given to us.

Rev. E. E. Winters, pastor of the Church of God in East Chattanooga, was asked what he thought of the prospects in Mexico and of the group that had just united with the Church of God. He said, "The trip was a wonderful success. The people who have just united with us are a wonderful people, and I think it is one of the greatest unions in mission work that we have effected in a long time. I am greatly delighted with the prospects." Rev. E. W. Williams, overseer of North Carolina and also a member of the Mission Board, when asked what he thought

about his trip to Mexico and the work that the Board had accomplished, said, "I think that we certainly have something worth while in Mexico." Brother Williams is usually very conservative in his estimation and his remarks, and when his enthusiasm is aroused it is usually quite well founded. Brothers Clark and Cross also gave good reports. We asked the General Overseer, J. H. Walker, just what he thought about the work in Mexico, and especially the group that has just been taken into the Church. His statements were as follows: "I am highly pleased with the outlook in Mexico. The work is very

promising. Brother Ruesga is a fine man and well prepared as a leader."

The Evangel readers are asked to follow the paper for a more detailed account and pictures of the union which has recently been formed in Mexico City and which affects a large territory of the country of Mexico. Some of these pictures will be carried in the next issue of the Evangel.

NOTE: The National Church of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Mexico City, Mexico, has been an independent organization for fourteen years.

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER, HAMILTON, BERMUDA



This is a picture of "the house of prayer" which is in the parish of Pembroke, Bermuda. We have just held a few nights' meeting here, in which God surely blessed. Many prayed through to salvation and some were renewed in the Spirit. This is a very nice little wood framed building and seats about 200 people. The pastor and wife, Elder and Mrs. C. H. Caisey, have been much help and encouragement to your missionaries here in Bermuda, and not only the pastor and wife, but the other ministers and members. Evangelist Richard White is a minister from this church and is giving us some valuable help in Bermuda. The pastor, ministers, and members all say that the Church of God is needed in Bermuda. Since we came to Bermuda Evangelist Richard White has begun to use "The Church of God Sunday School literature" in this "house of prayer" and we are giving God all the glory and praise for all that He is doing here in Bermuda. The people here like to read The Church of God Evangel and Lighted Pathway and they surely prove a blessing to them. They like to worship God in spirit and in truth. They bring their Bibles to service every time to see what "Thus saith the Lord" and God never fails to meet with them in the old time way. I am sure you would enjoy a service in this "house of prayer" and I am sure that it will be joy to know that this people are working with your missionaries here in Bermuda for the salvation of souls, for the advancement of God's Church.

P. S. Just in front of this building is Sister Hughes and our two bicycles.

Yours for God and His Church,
Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Hughes, Gen. Del., Hamilton, Bermuda.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The so-called democratic nations are gradually taking on the forms and realities of dictatorships. Their argument is that the dictators, having neither Congress nor Parliament to impede their progress, can make immediate decisions and thereby get the jump on the slower governmental processes of the democracies. Quite true. It seems perfectly reasonable. Out of such arguments do democracies crumble. The concentration of power in the hands of one man or group of men means DICTATORSHIP. Whether we call it for war purposes, emergency purposes or for any other purpose the placing of too much power in one hand means GOOD-BYE TO DEMOCRACY OR GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE. It has to come.

There is greater danger of war today with Japan than many of our people seem to realize. After 25 years of practical co-operation under the American-Japanese treaty, that friendly commercial intercourse has ceased. After Japan had brutally attacked China, America gave Japan 6 months warning and on January 26th the treaty came to an end. It is estimated that America purchases 50% of Japan's exports. America also ships many goods to Japan. Some writers have argued that Japan could no longer wage war on China should America cease to do business with her. Japan is already strained to the very limit. Her newspapers are talking bitterly against America. The outcome is precarious. This one thing we know: GOD HOLDS THE FUTURE IN HIS HANDS.

The Associated Press tells us under a Hollywood date line that Clark Gable, noted actor, has signed a contract with a movie-producing company for \$4,000.00 per week for seven years. That means \$571.42 per day. Breaking it down further it means \$23.80 per hour, 24 hours per day. It means \$208,000.00 per year. In seven years it will amount to \$1,456,000.00. It will take a large group of Church of God preachers to earn that sum per year. Can he earn it? Can any man be worth that much to his community or his industry? If the Church

of God had that sum weekly to apply to our mission fund we could go places and soon every nation under heaven could hear the "Gospel of the Kingdom." The people must be amused. They must be able to live in a land of make-believe. Leading psychologists tell us that without the movies and theatres millions of our people would go crazy from facing the realities of a sordid life. God help us to let them know that there is "ABUNDANCE OF PEACE" in knowing God. However, "LOVERS OF PLEASURE MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD."

A leading American made this statement this week: "America is at the morning of its destiny." Quite true. What is that destiny? What is America doing with God and His plan of eternal salvation? Upon the answer depends the destiny of America.

A dispatch from Berlin, Germany, dated Jan. 25th tells the world that now Germany is turning out submarines at the rate of one a day. A most remarkable thing. At that rate it will be virtually impossible to clear the seas of these invisible dealers of death. John saw it in its fulness. We see the shadow of it. "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword." Rev. 6:4.

The following excerpts from an editorial appearing in the Charlotte Observer of Jan. 22 are passed on: "It's a serious problem when any considerable proportion of able-bodied workers in any of the age brackets of our population persistently are kept out of gainful occupation. It is particularly menacing, we think, to democracy as well as challenging to our American social order when such a large number of the younger people of this country are in that shape. On the basis of estimates that there are at least 4,000,000 young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24 who are out of school, seeking work and unable to find private employment, the American Youth Commission recently recommended that the government undertake to provide

work for all out of school youth who want jobs and cannot find them in industry. . . . Altogether, about 2,500,000 young men between the ages of 17 and 23 have served in the CCC during the last seven years. The cost to the government has been about \$1,000 each a year, of which about \$260.00 is sent home to dependent families." Of course, our young people are taught they must acquire an education, finish their academic courses to land upon a world that has no use for them and no place for their services. Of such things are Communists made. Yet, it can't be helped. It had to come. It is another leaf on God's Fig Tree. Read Zec. 8:10.

The following is culled from the READER'S DIGEST: In the past five years close to 200,000 refugees from the drought areas of the prairie states have migrated to the Pacific Northwest. . . . The Northwest Regional Planning Commission's surveys indicate that more than 38,000 families have moved into Washington, Oregon and Idaho in 5 years. The perfectly natural explanation is that their farms "blew away" and they had to move. God's explanation is somewhat different. He said "MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO." WHEN? "THE TIME OF THE END." (Dan. 12:4.)

Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas said a few days ago on the Senate floor at Washington that "We cannot continue to pour nearly 2,000,000,000 gallons of alcoholic drink every year into the veins of our democracy and expect it to retain the vigor and efficiency so vitally necessary in these critical times." Well spoken, Senator, but so long as distillers and saloon keepers can fatten their purses on the dollars of American working men while women and children go hungry we will have that evil with us. The saloon, together with the evils it breeds, is here.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass . . ."

A Paradox
His religion stayed new because he had the old time kind.

AT THE CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE



From the compositor's table material that has been set up and made ready for printing goes to the press. The press in the picture is a large magazine press and is the largest one in the Publishing House. This press prints the Church of God Evangel at one operation, the Lighted Pathway, Sunday School quarterlies, and all of our song books, so it means that it is whining away not only through most of the day but many hours of the night, making multiplied thousands of print every day in the year, to be sent out over the country. It is not only the largest press in the building but is the largest piece of machinery we have in the Publishing House, weighing approximately eighteen tons. Beside this press, not shown in the picture, is another large press which weighs twelve tons. It is used

THE PRESSMEN

to print the state papers, The Fellowship News for Bob Jones College, Sunrise Crusader for Rev. Hobart D. Goolsby, and Sunday School cards. Occasionally job printing such as advertising matter is also run on it.

The man in the picture who is feeding the large press is Dwight L. Daniel. He came to Cleveland to attend the Bible School in 1927 and while here married one of the proofreaders, Miss Vianna Free. In 1928 Brother Daniel went to work in the Church of God Publishing House and has been with it ever since. He has been a member of the Church of God and has had the baptism with the Holy Ghost ever since he was a boy, having received the experience in Kentucky where he was

born and reared. For several years he has been a pressman.

The other man who stands at the foot of the press is Joe R. Little whose affiliation with the Publishing House was explained in last week's Evangel, in the picture showing the compositor's table.

It is indeed very interesting to watch these large presses as they run hour after hour converting the material that comes into the office in letters into magazines for the public, and the only way to fully appreciate them is to have the opportunity of watching them in operation. Your young people's monthly magazine, The Lighted Pathway, song books and Sunday School literature are all printed on English finish book paper. The Church of God Evangel and state papers are, at the

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

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don't know how many were sanctified but there were quite a number. Some received the Holy Ghost. Please pray for Arkansas that God will give us souls this year. Our beloved state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, did the preaching at this revival, with the Johnson family of South Carolina rendering the music and special singing. If you would like to have Brother and Sister Johnson at your church in Arkansas, you can get in touch with them by addressing them at 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.—Mrs. Ollie Sue Johnson.

Watch Night Consecration

OLUSTEE, Fla. — We, the Olustee Church of God, are expecting a great year for the Lord during 1940. At our watch night service we reconsecrated ourselves to God and purposed in our hearts to be of more service to Him this year than ever before. Our pastor, Brother Kirkland, and his family seem to be deeply interested in the welfare of the local church. We have a wonderful Sunday School and Y. P. E. Pray that we will live the life before these precious children and young people and that they may be led to the Lord.

Just before Christmas Brother Maurice Lee and his wife assisted Brother Kirkland in a revival here. Although the writer knows of no one who received a definite experience in this meeting, several were heard to say they felt better than ever before and intended to live for God. If these people do live for God as a result of this meeting, it will not have been in vain. Everyone enjoyed the vocal and instrumental music rendered by Brother and Sister Lee and extend to them a hearty welcome any time they wish to visit our church. Please pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost and fill my place in the church. Also pray for our church that it might always be on fire for God.—Elsie Mae Cobb.

New Parsonage

We are glad to report that the church here at Aransas Pass, Texas, is getting along very well considering the conditions under which it has to work. Many of our folks here don't have work. We are trying to build it up where it will be what it should be but we are handicapped. We have a sand floor and many people will not come out. Pray that the Lord will help us that we may be able to get our church ceiled and floored. The church has had a struggle but is trying to come out of it. We built a new parsonage and the debt on that is about all we can take care of. Pray for us and our work here.—Roy J. Young, pastor, Box 734, Aransas Pass, Tex.

Willing Workers

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—I truly thank and praise God for our pastor. Truly Brother Lunsford is a humble man and I know God can use the man who will humble himself. Brother Lunsford came here and in less than three weeks had the parsonage ready to move in. He didn't quit at that but there was the water to pipe in and all this time Sister Lunsford and the "kitty hanky" bags were on the go. She was surely a busy bee, making hanky bags. I really have found Brother and Sister Lunsford to be nice and loyal to us. Oh, I must not forget to tell you that Brother Lunsford is painting the parsonage. Things are looking very nice around here. Pray for our church. We are small in membership and mostly women. We need some men folks in the church here. I am glad to say again, I am proud of Brother and Sister Lunsford. If there is anything I believe in, it is standing by your pastor. Pray for me.—Annie Collier.

Come and See

OLNEY, Tex.—Our watch night service was attended by a goodly number. After the Lord so wonderfully blessed us in our song, prayer and testimony service the writer brought the evening message. An altar call was given and one young lady was wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. There was much rejoicing and praising the Lord and our service continued until after midnight. There were several features such as sermons, exhortations, special singing and new year resolutions. We are looking for great things from the Lord in 1940. Now if you wish to know how we do, just come over and worship the Lord with us. Pray for us at Olney.—J. T. Melton, pastor.

Preachers' Meeting

MAUD, Okla.—I praise God for the way He is blessing us. The Lord blessed us with the most wonderful preachers' meeting we have ever had, and since that time we have raised our quota of the state indebtedness. We are now in a revival with Brother Hopkins of Nebraska doing the preaching. God is blessing. Please pray that He will continue to do so.—Mae Woolwine, Box 118, St. Louis, Okla.

Church Buys Furniture

JEFFERY, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing here at Jeffery and Monclo. We came here October 23 and I have never met better people in all my life. They are on fire for God and that good fellowship is existing in both churches. When we came here we didn't have any house furniture at all. The saints at Monclo and Jeffery went together and rented a house and furnished

it out and out with new furniture, and they never bought cheap furniture either, it is nice enough for anyone, so we are just living at home and are so glad and happy for the good people at Monclo and Jeffery. We are in a revival at the present time with Brother W. H. Bowman doing the preaching. God surely is blessing; souls are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, while the saints are rejoicing. I can't express how I do appreciate the good saints at both of these churches; they are live wires for God.

Please pray for the work at Jeffery and Monclo, that God will give us a real good year for the saving of souls.—Jessie Mae Rose, leader.

Sunday School Organized

SAMPSON, Ky.—We praise the Lord so much for the privilege to be back in our Sunday School. Our Sunday School has been closed for quite a while. It was reorganized by Brother Waldron Asher. We had about thirty-two the first Sunday. Pray much for us here; we need your prayers that our little church will go over the top for God this year.—Fannie Scott, Sunday School superintendent.

New Location For Birchwood, Tenn. Church

I praise the Lord for what I feel in my soul and for the great day we had yesterday, the last day of the old year, 1939. God was in our midst and blessed us wonderfully. The great power of God carried some of the saints down through the aisle speaking in tongues. We have our Sunday School and service in the afternoon and the service lasted so late we had to turn on the lights. We have the old time victory at Birchwood Church of God. We would like for you good people at Cleveland to come to Birchwood and help us. Oh, I do want to be faithful a few more days for I believe rewarding day is near at hand. I praise God from the depth of my soul for the children of God that meet at Birchwood on Sunday afternoons to render service and glorify God. Some come from near Cleveland. We praise God for them. We have a good Sunday School. During the summer months the attendance was over one hundred. This winter almost every Sunday we have seventy-five and eighty. May God bless His children and the Holy Ghost be upon each of us so when any get sick God's power will be so real that we can lay hands on the sick and they will recover. May God bless the Editor and every reader.—Martha Defriese, Birchwood, Tenn.

All-Day Service

MYERSDALE, Pa.—God is still blessing at Myersdale, Pa. We are so glad to report victory in our souls and that the

church here in general is rising and shining for God. Dec. 10 we had all-day service which was a great blessing to our souls. It was a glorious day from the beginning, with the power and presence of the Holy Ghost predominating. A rousing message was preached in the afternoon by our beloved overseer, Paul Walker. This message was food for all and was talked about by many for days after. I believe we were each one made to realize our need of drawing closer to God. We also appreciated the cooperation of the other ministers and their good testimonies and sermons.

Since we have been here the good folk have helped us to do lots of repair on the building. The Sunday School is on the increase, the Y. P. E. is a great blessing to all and everyone is willing to work for God's cause. We are now praying for a revival, so please put this on your prayer list. May the Lord bless each one is our prayer.—R. E. Lear, pastor.

Great Gathering On Watch Night

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—The Church of God at Morristown enjoyed a watch night service with good testimonies, communion service and feet washing. We had many visitors from the churches on the district. The power of God was there in a wonderful way. Our pastor, Brother Brabson, brought a wonderful message for the occasion.—E. B. Chrisley.

Will Build Parsonage

GRASONVILLE, Md.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful way He is blessing the church at Grasonville, Md. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister James Foshee. They are good, humble, conscientious workers for the Lord and His Church, are not afraid to preach the Word of God, and are willing to sacrifice to see the work go over the top in Grasonville. We thank the Lord for the way He has blessed in our midst and we are looking forward to greater things. We appreciate the soul-stirring messages Brother Foshee brings us from time to time, and how the Lord blesses and anoints him and how he feeds our hungry souls.

We are trying to build a parsonage so we desire the prayers of the saints. Every department of the church is on the increase, for which we give God all the glory. It's truly wonderful to see such love and fellowship among the saints.—Pauline Long, clerk.

Have a Mind to Work

SWITZER, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for good, old time salvation and the great Church of God, for the desire He has implanted in my heart to march forward, lifting up the royal, blood-stained banner higher each day. Bless His name.

We have a good church here and a

wonderful pastor, Brother J. W. Vance, and wife. They are real workers for the Lord. We have a good band of saints, a fine Sunday School and Y. P. E. It seems as though we all have a mind to work, for which we thank the Lord.

Brother L. G. Rouse and his coworker, Brother Phillips, were with us five nights last week. We enjoyed the good messages he brought each night. Many testified to healing. Pray for us that we will keep pressing on until He comes or calls.—Mrs. Carlos Bryant.

Have Loyal Members

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—We praise Jesus for all of His goodness, especially for His protection and power to heal. We are here at the Freedom church this year. We have a good Sunday School, Y. P. E. and W. W. B. that like to work. They have furnished part of the furniture for the parsonage. It is a small country church but we have a number of loyal members. We are one-half mile from Highway No. 80 between Russell Springs and Columbia, Ky., on the Somerset district. We welcome all Church of God people or friends passing by to stop over with us. Don't be in too big a hurry. We love the Church; it has been a protection to us from winds of false doctrine. Pray for us and we will pray for you.—George L. Cravens, Rt. 3.

District Meeting

The McRae, Ga. district meeting was held the fifth Sunday in December at the Eastman church. It was a very cold day but we had a large attendance. There were people from many miles away. The Lord was with us throughout the day and blessed in a wonderful way. Those good people at Eastman surely did spread a sumptuous dinner, for which we thank them and praise the Lord. We took up an offering on our tent and got \$5.00. Our district is small but we are working for a tent. We also had several good speakers and singers present. We take courage to press on.—J. L. Harrison, district pastor.

Learned to Trust Him

STARKVILLE, Miss.—I thank God for salvation and for His healing power. He healed me about two years ago; I am glad I learned to trust Him with soul and body. Pray for me that I will be humble.

I thank God for the revival just closed with Brother J. D. Taylor doing the preaching. He and his good wife meant much to this place. They are planning to move back here again and I am so glad. We love Brother Taylor and his good family and we learn they are loved everywhere they go. We have a good pastor, Brother Dunn. We love him and his good wife and children. Please pray for the work here.—Mrs. W. G. Moseley, Box 102.

New Church

DAYTON, Ohio.—We praise the Lord for His great love and mercy to us. We can still report victory and are going on with the Lord. He has surely blessed us in giving us a new Church of God at West Carrollton. We started a prayer meeting in a good home one year ago and now have a good church building. The good Baptist folk let us use this house. Brother Robinson of Kentucky has been holding us a revival. He is a good man of God and preached under the anointing of the Spirit. Brother Huff, our district pastor, was with us Saturday night and set the church in order with ten members and there are more looking this way. We are planning to build a new church house, so pray that God will provide. Oh, how we need to have faith in God and work while we have time and opportunity. Jesus is coming soon, so let us be about our Father's business.—Brother and Sister Harden, 1708 W. 1st St.

Brother and Sister Cook Visit Apopka, Fla.

APOPKA, Fla.—We are glad to express through the columns of the Evangel our appreciation of having Brother and Sister R. F. Cook, our missionaries from India, visit us here at Apopka. They spent nearly one week with us and we can truly say they have proved a blessing. There was a wonderful mission spirit of God manifested the night of the slide pictures as our church was filled to capacity. This was a great inspiration to all who attended these services, and then on Sunday morning, Jan. 14, Brother Cook brought a wonderful message. Sunday night Sister Cook preached. We gave an altar call and one sister received the Holy Ghost.

May God's richest blessings be with them wherever they go, that they may help the people to realize the sincere need of missions.—Paul Taylor, pastor.

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Notes of Praise

Healed

CORBIN, Ky.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I sent a request to the Evangel hoping someone would send me an anointed cloth. I received a card from Brother B. R. Hughen, 300 Capitol Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga., also some tracts. I got out of bed, placed the card on my body, praying for faith and strength. My back was very weak and began to hurt. I placed the Evangel on my back still praying. My back got better. I sat up about eight hours. Bless the name of Jesus. That was longer than I had sat up in about twenty-eight months. I am healed but please keep praying for me as I am still weak and that I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my sister and brothers to be saved and my mother to be healed.—Sarah Thompson.

ATMORE, Ala.—My desire is to continue to be a true Christian and that I may in some way be a blessing to humanity in the future. I want to thank all the Christian people for their kindness and interest. The Evangel and good letters have been a blessing to me. I want to be a better Christian. Encouraging letters will be highly appreciated.—A brother in prison, John H. Rutherford, Rt. 2, Box 38.

Healed Crushed Hip

SAND GAP, Ky.—I praise God for what He is to me. I praise Him because I belong to the Church of God at Blue Diamond, Ky. Three years ago I got in debt and the devil made me think I couldn't pay my tithes, but I always promised myself that just as soon as I got out of debt I would start paying my tithes, and just when I was about out the devil tried to crush my life out with about twenty tons of rock. Only the Lord, bless His name, preserved my life for a purpose best known to Himself. They took me to the Berea, Ky. hospital. The doctors told my folks I was seriously injured. I was hurt in my left hip and pelvis and knee. I believed God would help me get well. I stayed in the hospital only seventeen days. The doctor said he had never seen anything to beat the way I got better. I told him the Church of God people were praying for me and he said he believed in prayer.

I was hurt in November and I can't walk yet. Some people think I will not be able to work for eight or ten months yet, but, praise God, I don't believe it for I believe the blessed Lord will heal me. Please pray earnestly for the complete healing of my body, that I may be able

to get back on my job. By the help of the Lord I will never rob Him again of tithes and offerings.

We have no Church of God at Sand Gap, and no Sunday School. Pray that God will heal me for I am going to try to get a Church of God Sunday School started as soon as I can get about the Lord's business.—Roscoe Kincaid.

ROBINETTE, W. Va.—Thank God for victory with Him. I am pastoring this year and enjoy it. The church is small but God meets with us and keeps us encouraged to press on and we try to make a success for Him.

We had a very successful revival last month. Nine were saved, five sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The brothers have made much-needed improvements on the church house. The coal company gives us rent free, lights free and coal free, for which we truly praise God.

We have a prayer list of people who are unsaved. We are praying for God to save, sanctify and baptize them every one. Please help us pray for these people. Sister Lake Erie Pahl was in charge of this revival. She is a real evangelist. I worked with her two years. Please pray for me and for the little church at Robinette, W. Va., where I am pastoring.—Rinda Ramsey.

ADDISON, Ala. — Thank the dear Lord for His miraculous healing power! My fourteen-month-old baby took pneumonia around Dec. 23. We carried him to the doctor and he pronounced it pneumonia. We gave him medicine, but he continued to get worse. It looked like he was dying so we sent for our pastor and his wife, also Sister Virgie Carroll, to come pray. I had a little hope of his being healed after that. The next day it looked like every breath would be his last. On Sunday my husband and I began to cry to God, and, praise God, he began to revive and by noon the next day our baby was sitting straight up. Our mistake is putting God last instead of first.—Ola Wright.

Getting Along Fine

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—I praise Jesus for what He means to me and for the sweet hope of heaven, if we are just faithful. Thank our blessed Lord for His promises, for you know eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. I

love Jesus above everything. My husband pastors Sheeptown and Shorts Creek churches this year. We are getting along fine over here. God is blessing.—Mrs. Geo. Berry, c/o W. P. Grims.

BLUE RIDGE, Ga.—Our little girl was very sick with flu and was running a temperature. She kept getting worse, it seemed, until I thought she was taking pneumonia. I went to God about it with all the faith I had and, praise His sweet name, today finds her well and enjoying life, all because it was God's will.

Pray for me that I may always have the desire in my heart to press on.

I sincerely desire a Christian home where God will have complete control in everything, but you know the devil is such a big fellow and there is always so much of him around until the victory is very hard for one to have in the face of all this, but, thank God, He can give it to me and will if I just wait on the Lord and let Him have His own way. I desire the sincere prayers of everyone that I'll get the victory over sin and live a life worth while to God.—L. B. Greer.

Obtains Victory 1939

YORK, S. C.—On Sunday I took sick with flu, I suppose, and really suffered from intense pain all Sunday night. Our pastor and some of the brothers and sisters came and prayed for me. I became worse. I am almost sure I had pleurisy, if I was not taking pneumonia. Anyway, our dear pastor, Brother K. D. Beaube, kept coming with some others and praying, also Brother Johnnie Childers came and prayed for me. The devil said I would have to have a doctor this time and it did look like I had to have something done. They came in a little while to pray again. I said, "Lord, you know my heart, you saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I trust you for both soul and body." I knew I had more work and I said, "Lord, I am going to trust you regardless," and praise God I began to get better. I am a little

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weak yet but, glory to His name, I am at least testifying one more time in this 1939.

May God use this to increase someone's faith. It seemed I didn't have much, but I thank God for people who are willing to go pray for the sick. Please pray that I will regain my strength. — Mrs. Cleo Montgomery, Cannon Mill, House 7.

I Want To Be Ready Whatever It Takes

BONIFAY, Fla.—I praise God for full and free salvation. I remember how He led me into the paths of righteousness and now He has led me into the Church of God. I am determined to go all the way and make heaven my home. Praise God for the members at our church who have prayed through, that they be willing workers. I thank God for our pastor, Brother Joe Morgan, and wife. He feeds his flock with inspiring messages and encourages us to press on.

I don't get to attend church regularly, but praise the Lord, He knows my heart. I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed my body many times. He healed me of pellagra when the doctors had done all they could. I feel like I have something to praise Him for forever. Pray for me and my family.—Laura C. Chancery.

Healed of Heart Attack

NAPLES, Fla.—Praise the Lord for saving and sanctifying me, and I want to be made perfect enough in His sight to receive the Holy Ghost. I promised the Lord Christmas Eve night if He would heal me of a heart attack I would testify through the Evangel. I know the Lord did heal for I feel if our good pastor, Brother I. T. Williams, and some of the good people had not come and prayed for me I would not have had long to stay here. I really thank God for Brother and Sister Williams. Their lives is what started me in this way. Thank God for their begin with us another year. Pray for me and our church at Naples.—Mona Berett, Box 17.

Healed of Flu

CROPWELL, Ala.—I am so thankful that I am serving a God who can heal all manner of sickness. He has healed many times in our home. He healed my husband and me of the flu. One night our little boy had croup so badly until he turned black in the face and it looked like every breath would be his last, but the Lord healed him.—Mrs. Chessie Williams, Rt. 2.

The earth will never be so full of God's glory as when His people all become filled with His love and seek to know and do His whole will. 'Tis then they will learn their true mission is to glorify Him instead of trying to be glorified.

REVIVALS

Revival in Progress

HAMILTON, Ohio.—We began a revival Sunday, January 7, with Brother J. R. Davis, evangelist of Calhoun, Ga. From the first night there were sinners converted and backsliders reclaimed. Night after night as the evangelist would preach under the anointing of the Holy Spirit the revival tide would keep rising higher and higher. In spite of zero and subzero weather people kept coming to church. A goodly number have already been converted and several received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. This seems to be a revival of young people of high school age and young married people. The altar services continue onward toward the midnight hour. They remind me of the early days of our Pentecostal movement.

Some services are so charged with the presence and power of the Spirit of God that Brother Davis, our evangelist, is unable to preach but just gives the altar call and the altar is lined with seekers after God. And the end is not yet!

Evangelist Davis has a simple gospel message, yet timely and pungent, reaching the hearts of his listeners. People from different walks of life respond to his tender appeals to accept his Christ. This is Brother Davis' second visit to Hamilton within a year. The results of his meeting are very wholesome and substantial. A goodly number of our one hundred per cent members were converted in the evangelist's last campaign here.

I can heartily recommend Brother Davis to any pastor and church that may need a revival. People tell me this revival is the greatest Hamilton has had in years. Pray for us.—In His service, Joseph Terrizzi.

Boys Conduct Revival

HIGDEN, Ark.—We praise the Lord for His blessings to us here. On Nov. 26 Brothers Mauldin Ray and Harold Moore of Huffman, Ark. began a revival which lasted four weeks. God certainly blessed. There were seventeen saved, of which five were sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost, and one other was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brothers Ray and Moore certainly are fine soldiers of the cross despite the fact that they are only fifteen and seventeen years old respectively. God blessed their every effort and souls cried their way through to victory.

We also praise the Lord for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Floyd L. Ramsey. We feel that he is here doing God's will. Don't forget to pray for us,

especially the new converts. We are expecting Brothers Ray and Moore back this year for another old time revival.—Ruff Gentry.

Twelve Receive Holy Ghost

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—The Lord is still blessing in Blacksburg. Many souls have been blessed here, for which we praise the Lord. Since Brother Sprouse came here people have prayed through to victory that made some to wonder, but God is still on the giving hand. In the last revival there were twenty-four saved, fourteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. Brother McPherson was the evangelist. Pray for us.—Addie Martin.

Seventeen Receive Baptism

SCALY, N. C.—We truly thank and praise God for the harvest reaped here in a revival which ran three weeks, Dec. 11-31. Brother L. J. Stone, a very humble and consecrated servant of His cause, was the evangelist. The Holy Ghost has a big part in this revival. There were good altar services. Twenty-three were saved, nineteen sanctified and seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. May the Lord continue to bless Brother Stone; he has a hearty welcome back to Scaly any time. Thank God for our good pastor, Brother Homer Pope. He is surely filled with the Spirit and consecrated to the cause of Christ, and we know he will do a good work here during this Assembly year. Pray for our church that we may be used in helping other lost sheep into the fold.—Trulla G. Vinson, Y. P. E. president.

Great Prospects

We began a revival at Allen Junction, W. Va. on New Year's eve. God wonderfully blessed us and we feel encouraged and believe God is going to give us a real revival and many souls. Some six or more have been seeking the Holy Ghost and some are seeking to be saved. The pastor is in charge, assisted by Brother Hugh Waycaster. Pray much for the revival here for there is a great work to be done and many souls need God. Also pray earnestly for an unspoken request.—Lewis W. Davis, pastor.

Conducted By Pastor

EUDORA, Ark.—Brother Bolon, our pastor, was in charge of a few nights' meeting which has just closed. There was one saved, two sanctified, one filled with

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Who's Tying the Hands of God?

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nable in the world today to go against, and if you don't give much time to study and meditation of God's Word, you will not be able to accomplish for God the thing God desires you to accomplish. So if you are one of the ministers who had rather go than to study, as Paul has said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God," you will not be able to prepare yourself for the work whereunto He has called you. And the scripture says he "shall be beaten with many stripes." If you are guilty of this sin, why not repent and confess to God that you are guilty of the sin of omission.

We ministers like to tell the sinners what Jesus says for them to do in order to enter into the kingdom of God, but, my brother, did you ever realize that there is something else important for you and me to do to get the sinner into the kingdom of God besides preach the gospel? The same Christ that said preach the gospel said baptize them. Now I know that all of us ministers believe in water baptism for the converts after they have repented, but, the question is, When do you do it? I have known of revival campaigns and souls getting to God, but the baptismal service would be some weeks later. In Acts 2:38 we read, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." And again we notice in Acts 8:35-39 that Philip preached Christ to the eunuch and he consummated the experience of the eunuch's salvation with water baptism, and Philip went on his way. Also in Acts 10:34-48, Peter's sermon to Cornelius' house was salvation through faith. He also consummated his converts' salvation with water baptism, for verse 48 says he commanded them to be baptized. My brother minister, you may be faithful in preaching the gospel, sacrificing, denying yourself, also suffering, but if you are failing to lead your converted souls down into the watery grave immediately after conversion, you are guilty of committing the sin of omission, and are depriving the newborn soul of a blessing from God that he never will receive any other way. Note, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

Space will not permit me to write on the sin of omission what I would like to write, so I will stop here on this and pass on to the thought of secret sins.

In Luke 12:2 we read, "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, neither hid that shall not be known." Cain, the first murderer, who rose up against his brother and killed him secretly, probably never realized that God would bring it to light, that wheresoever the Bible would be read his sin

would be made known. Now God said to Cain, "What hast thou done?" Gen. 4:10b.

I wonder as I am writing this little sermon, if God has not been asking some of you, "What hast thou done?" I am sure that if you are guilty of sowing discord, creating strife or contention, making it unpleasant for the man of God by refusing to cooperate or labor together for the interest of souls, to bring them into the kingdom, that God's Spirit is asking you, "What hast thou done?"

I'm sure that Cain never realized the sin he secretly committed would cause him to later cry out and say, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." Brother, you may get by for a while committing sins secretly, and your actions may tie the hands of God in the church for a time, but God will bring you to light and cause your sins to be made manifest, that the church may see who it is that has been tying the hands of God. Brother, you may not kill the physical body of your brother as Cain did, but if you are secretly harboring malice and jealousy and hatred in your heart and going around trying to kill your brother's influence with your tongue, you are guilty of tying the hands of God. God help us to be careful.

God is keeping a record of all of us. He will not allow any soul to sin against Him and not be brought to time. He brought Achan to time for his secret sin. Joshua 7:20. He brought David to time for his secret sin. We are told that because of David's secret sin with Bathsheba he didn't write a psalm for three years. Also that his son Absalom tried to take his throne, and that Ammon, his eldest son, dishonored his half sister by criminally attacking her. 2 Sam. 13:1-29. Absalom also killed his brother Ammon. The illegitimate child that Bathsheba bore him died. Oh, my brother, what a price to pay for sin! This all came upon David because he secretly committed the sin of adultery and broke the seventh commandment. God is no respecter of persons. He will bring to time him that is guilty of committing sins and leaving them unconfessed. He said to Saul, the king of Israel, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord hath rejected thee . . ." 1 Sam. 15:21.

Next, let us notice the sin that is called presumptuous sin. This sin is a sin that is boldly committed against light and conviction on God's Word. No doubt some of you now who are reading this article are committing some sins you know God is displeased with. Some of you good Church of God sisters know that it is wrong to dress the way you do, you know you are disobeying the Bible, also the Church rules that are laid down in the Minutes. The Lord would like to save your loved ones and your

friends, but you are tying the hands of God that He cannot save, and closing His ear that He will not hear. There are some of you brothers who know that it is right to pay God the tithe of your earnings, yet you refuse to do so. There is also the mission cause to be supported, the aged ministry, and the orphans and many other things you are neglecting to do your duty by. This is a presumptuous sin against the Word of God.

Jesus has said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 13:14. And His commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5:3c. If we love the Lord we love to do what His Word teaches us to do, and in doing so we keep the hand of the Lord free, so that He can save. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:19-21. We notice in these verses that there are two kinds of vessels or people, honorable and dishonorable, sanctified and unsanctified, prepared and unprepared. What kind of a vessel are you, my reader? I trust that you are a vessel that is ready and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work. If you are not, you are tying the hands of God that He cannot save and closing His ear that He cannot hear. Amen.

Those who wait for the opportunity to make a big hit usually are knocked out by failure before the opportunity gets to them. Opportunity never promotes us unless we have the ability to promote the opportunity. Many opportunities have been squandered because they fell into the wrong hands.

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Daily Bread

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bestir himself and go to work. The negro attended a meeting and offered a prayer in which occurred this petition, "Use me, Lord, use me in an advisory capacity." The Lord needs no advisory board in His work. He is looking for men and women who will shoulder responsibilities and work for Him.

Question Box

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Answer: In Psa. 87:4-6 a comparison is drawn. The psalmist David merely mentioned that some men may gloat over the fact that they were born in Babylon, or in Philistia, or in Tyre, or Ethiopia, but it shall be said of men who are born in Zion, that place which the Highest Himself shall establish, This or that man was born there, and in his opinion it is far superior to be born in Zion than to be born in any of the great nations which he had mentioned. It may be applied to or typical of our spiritual birth being greater than any earthly citizenship.

Question: Does a person commit sin who doesn't pay tithes and give offerings? What about Mal. 3:8, 9?

Answer: According to the scripture referred to he is a robber. Be thou the judge.

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Revival

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the Holy Ghost and the saints really feasted at Jesus' table. We also had a watch night service in which the Lord blessed our souls.

We love our dear pastor and wife, who are foursquare for God. We covet the prayers of the whole Church for this place that many souls will be reaped in God's harvest.—George Cain, clerk.

Forty Conversions

DETROIT, Mich.—Yes, God has sent us another wonderful, old time revival. There was shouting, dancing, speaking in tongues and prostrations under the mighty power of God. Surely it seemed good for the revival spirit to hit old Detroit in the old-fashioned way once more

20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

A Little Girl Healed

A testimony in the Evangel:
Dear saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for His great healing power. The Lord healed my little girl this morning. She had the hottest fever I have ever felt on a person and was raging all night. Tonight she is resting good, perfectly healed. Praise His dear name! I praise God for the Church of God. She just suits me. We have ten members here. We have preaching twice a month at my brother's home. Pray that God will give us a building. Sister Mary D. McHargue is our pastor. The Lord blesses her in giving out the Word. Please pray that I will do my duty in leading the prayer services here. God bless the church at Westminster, South Carolina. Please pray for wife and me to stand true. — Your brother in Christ, Harry Whittington, Fork, S. C.

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Somerset, Ky.

A testimony in the Evangel:
Dear saints, I want to thank the Lord for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I do not mean to ever turn back. There is nothing to go back to. I thank the Lord for the way He blessed in our home. Two of my playmates came to play and we began to sing and pray. One had the Holy Ghost and the other was only saved. We began to pray with her and she was sanctified. We all shouted the victory together. Glory to God for free salvation! I am eleven years of age. Pray that I may stand true till Jesus comes.—Your sister in Christ, Sallie Stines.

Old Time Pentecost

MACCLENNY, Fla.—We are in the midst of a good revival here at this writing. I mean an old time, Pentecostal meeting. There has been such a good spirit ever since the meeting began and last week one was reclaimed and the church seemed to be built up and encouraged, but last night God gave us a real break. Two nights ago there were two saved and last night three were sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. One other came very near receiving the baptism.

We are having cottage prayer meetings each morning. There was such a good spirit of prayer at the cottage meeting today in behalf of the revival. There was another saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost at this meeting. This is really encouraging—three in one service and another in the prayer meeting following. Continue to pray for us.—E. L. Newton.

Every Department Blessed

VALDESE, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here. Our revival closed last Sunday night with Brother and Sister J. W. Sullivan in charge. Brother Sullivan did some wonderful preaching under the power of the Holy Ghost. The church is greatly revived; a goodly number were saved and sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and some added to the church. We surely appreciate our good brothers and sisters from the other churches for cooperating with us. We were glad to have our good overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, our district pastor, Brother Lemons, Brother Glenn Houck of Roanoke, Va., Brother and Sister B. J. Hillhouse, Brother and Sister Pritchard, Brother and Sister Yates, Brother Leonhardt and other ministers with us during our revival. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Wiggins. The Lord is blessing every department.—W. O. Denton, clerk.

Revival Breaks Out in Girls' Orphanage

after so many of God's dear servants coming and trying, seemingly without success. John 4:37, "One soweth and another one reapeth," so take courage, dear brothers, perhaps the seed that you sowed in old Detroit has sprouted up in this our last revival. There were forty saved, fifteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-three baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. Brother Thea Jones of Kentucky was our evangelist and he surely gave us plenty of scripture verses in his messages. Pray for our next revival which opens soon.—H. V. Carpenter.

REQUESTS

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Mrs. W. L. McClane, Homerville, Ga.

My body to be healed of high blood pressure and a pain in my left side.—Mrs. A. E. Nelson, Rt. 1, Box 54-B. Rayville, La.

Unspoken request; God to undertake; God to strengthen my body.—Evola Bishop, Birmingham, Ala.

My backslidden daughter who is seriously ill to be healed and saved; my other unsaved children; that I will hear from my son from whom I have not heard in twenty-three years; the church here that it will grow; the sinners in this community; me to be used of the Lord.—Mrs. Mattie Ball, Route, Vincent, Ala.

The healing of my body of rheumatism, I think, and kidney trouble; my loved ones in sin to be saved.—Mrs. B. P. Smith, Hargis, Ky.

My sister to be delivered and have her freedom to serve God.—Grace Grant, Rt. 2, Woodlawn, Va.

Sister Lydia Jones' hearing to be restored.—Iva C. Tucker, Lanett, Ala.

The healing of my body. If the Lord doesn't undertake, I can't live much longer. Me to have more faith.—Bertha Crossno, Rt. 1, Camden, Tenn.

Pray a special prayer for my family and me. Our home recently burned and destroyed practically everything. My family is afflicted and needs special prayer.—Howard Franklin, Cedar Springs church, West Point, Tenn.

God to save a man; very important unspoken request.—A friend in Christ, Lansing, Mich.

My nose to be healed; my memory.—Elbert R. Bilbo, Pollock, La.

The healing of two of my boys; the healing of my body, my lungs are bad. Fast and pray, if led. I would appreciate Bill Schniedmuller of Pennsylvania and Brother Rouse sending me an anointed cloth, or anyone who feels led; me to be humble.—Cecil Tomlinson, Ada, Okla.

The healing of my daughter who is very sick, she had a stroke and her mind is blank and one side is paralyzed.—Mrs. W. M. Stuman, Box 22, McCaysville, Ga.

The healing of my ankles.—Miss Laura J. Crockett, Austinville, Va.

The healing of my body of neuritis. Letters of encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Nancy Jane Parks, Eckman, W. Va.

The healing of my body, D.V.; my unsaved home; the healing and saving of my son.—Mrs. Mamie Robbins, Rt. 1, Lexington, N. C.

The healing of my body, the doctor said I would have to have an operation; my husband to be healed; my little girl to be saved; our church here at Yazoo City; us members to stand true; the healing of Sister Thorp's body; God to give her complete victory; her unsaved boys

to be saved.—Mrs. Mae Sanderson, Rt. 1, Eden, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Clarence Snyder, Gen. Del., Lenoir City, Tenn.

The entire healing of my body; me to stay humble.—Mrs. Lessie McLamb, Dunn, N. C.

Special unspoken request; the leading of my little grandson who is very weakly; the healing of my body of rheumatism; me to get back to the Lord as I feel I have backslidden.—Sophie E. Masterson, Rt. 1, Fairfield, Ill.

The healing of my grandfather and grandmother; me to be humble.—Miss Odessa Watkins, Starkville, Miss.

The healing of my back; God to restore to me the joy of salvation.—Mattie Lee Ray, Cottonwood, Ala.

The healing of my sister who has been sick for six months; my brothers to be saved; my niece to be healed of the whooping cough; pray for Sister Shumaker and her aged mother.—Ruth Sellers, Rt. 1, Downers Grove, Ill.

My son to be healed, it has been nearly three years since he has walked, he is sixteen years of age; my mother.—Mrs. Emma Quinton, Rt. 1, Jeffersontown, Ky.

The healing of my mother's and sister's bodies. They will appreciate anointed cloths. Mother's address is Nettie Bledsoe, Accoville, W. Va.; sister's is Georgie Roberts, Accoville, W. Va.

A special prayer for a request of ours.—H. C. Peek, Black Mt., N. C.

The healing of a very dear mother of cancer.—Sister A. O. Stewart, Schoolfield, Va.

A loved one to be completely healed.—Elsie Goss, Greeneville, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body; my hearing to be restored; my loved ones to be saved; me to stand true and be an overcomer; God to send someone here with a tent to hold a revival. Letters of encouragement appreciated.—Miss Orla Lewis, Rt. 2, Box 165-A, Marshall, N. C.

My mother to receive the Holy Ghost; my aunt to be healed; very special unspoken request.—Miss Gertrude Webb, Highlands, N. C.

Unspoken request.—Ethel McKenzie, Gastonia, N. C.

A work to be established here; some good Spirit-filled saints to come hold a meeting here; my home; my loved ones to be saved; me to be strong in the Lord and stand true; the healing of my hand.—Mrs. Nora Coupe, Hillsboro St., Oxford, N. C.

Me to be what the Lord would have me be; this place here; my home; my husband to get right with the Lord.—Virginia Carlisle, c/o Hill Spinning Co., Roseboro, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Edward

Caison, Laurel Hill, N. C.

Me to be healed of nervousness and other ailments; the Lord to heal and save a friend; unspoken request.—Mrs. Ruby Rogers, Rt. 1, Haleyville, Ala.

Me to be healed of a hurting in my breast; me to get closer to the Lord and be an overcomer; my son to be saved; my mother-in-law to see the light on this way.—Mrs. Alta Wade, Dora, Ala.

Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham of Beaver, W. Va. who is to undergo an operation soon. Fast if led. Our little girl's eyes to be healed. If Brother and Sister R. J. Dollars see this, please write us at once as we can't hear from you.—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham, Beaver, W. Va.

My wife who seems to get worse with some kind of stomach trouble.—W. F. Toles, Box 142, Stanton, Tex.

Special request; pray earnestly for me.—Berry H. Aldridge, Alma, Ga.

My wife who is in bad health; me to be a successful worker for the Lord.—H. H. Mathis, Haylow, Ga.

Editorially Speaking

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are now on the air, reaching out into the various sections of the United States and Canada. Great opportunities are now afforded the Church of God in this field of service. I once heard a minister say, when asked why the Church of God should be named the Church of God, "Well, most everybody else has a church; I think God ought to have one." I think that there is most everything else on the air and surely the Church of God ought to be on the air to the extent that we could pick up a Church of God service somewhere at any hour of the day. Such a thing is not an impossibility, if we pray to that end and then put works with our prayers.

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